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Status

Responsive to communication(s) filed on 7/3/01.

This action is FINAL.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 1 - 36 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above claim(s) 8, 10, 12, 15-18, 20-33, 36 is/are withdrawn from consideration. *ajr 4/2/02*

Claim(s) 19 is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 1-9, 11, 13, 14, 34-35 is/are rejected.

Claim(s) 1 is/are objected to.

Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 20 Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892 Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948 Other _____

Office Action Summary

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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Claims 1, 9, 11, 13, 14, 19, 34-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Clarke et al.

Clark et al teach aqueous household compositions comprising and in solubilized polysaccharide (abstract). HMHEC is specified (column 2, line 62). Detergent household products are specified (claim 6). Salts are disclosed (claims 10). Surfactants are specified (Example 18 column 15).

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: On page 1 the last sentence is incomplete.

Appropriate correction is required.

No claims allowed.

Applicant^s are advised of possibly interfering subject matter in Jones et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward J. Webman whose telephone number is (703) -308-4432. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, M. Moezie, can be reached on (703) -308-0570. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) -305-3592.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) -308-1235.

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